

## SILURUS MILITARIS.



### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Caput* nudum, magnum, latum; *Os* cirris tentaculatum.

*Corpus* elongatum, compressum, squamis nudum, mucosum; *pinnarum* pectoralium aut dorsalis radius primus spinosus, retro dentatus.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

SILURUS offibus duobus capitis erectis, pinna dorsi postica adiposa, linea laterali flexuosa.

SILURUS pinna dorsali, postica adiposa, cirris duobus rigidis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* Gmel. p. 1356.

SILURUS offibus duobus erectis in capite.

*Bloch. ichtb.* 11. p. 13. t. 362.

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Facie habituque peculiari magis quam pulchritudine notabilis *Silurus militaris*, flumina incolit Surinamensia, crescitque interdum in magnam molem. More aliorum congenerum, pisces minores, reliquaque ejusmodi prædando se sustentat. A splendidissimo opere Domini Blochii similitudinem hanc nostram mutuati sumus.







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THE  
MILITARY SILURUS.



*GENERIC CHARACTER.*

*Head* naked, large, broad; *Mouth* bearded with cirri.

*Body* elongated, compressed, without scales, covered with mucus: the first ray of the dorsal or pectoral fins ferrated by reversed prickles.

*SPECIFIC CHARACTER.*

SILURUS with two upright bones on the head, an adipose back-fin, and flexuous lateral line.

The armed or military SILURUS.

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The military Silurus, more distinguished by the singularity than the beauty of its appearance, is an inhabitant of the rivers of Surinam, where it sometimes grows to a very large size. Like the rest of the Siluri it is of a predacious nature, and feeds on the smaller fishes, &c. The present figure is taken from the splendid work of Dr. Bloch.